

number of Federal and State motor carrier inspectors for the United States-Mexico border;

(iv) under section 219(d) of that Act (49 U.S.C. 14901 nt.) that prohibit foreign motor carriers from leasing vehicles to another carrier to transport products to the United States while the lessor is subject to a suspension, restriction, or limitation on its right to operate in the United States;

(v) under section 219(a) of that Act (49 U.S.C. 14901 nt.) that prohibit foreign motor carriers from operating in the United States that is found to have operated illegally in the United States; and

(vi) under which a commercial vehicle operated by a Mexican motor carrier may not enter the United States at a border crossing unless an inspector is on duty

or transmits to the Congress within 30 days of the date of enactment of this Act, a notice in writing that it will not be able to complete such rulemaking or issue such policy, that explains why it will not be able to complete such rulemaking or policy, and the date by which it expects to complete such rulemaking or policy; and

(2) the Department of Transportation Inspector General reports in writing to the Secretary of Transportation and the Congress that he will periodically report on—

(A) all new inspector positions funded under this Act have been filled and the inspectors have been fully trained;

(B) each inspector conducting on-site safety compliance reviews in Mexico consistent with the safety fitness evaluation procedures set forth in part 385 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is fully trained as a safety specialist;

(C) the requirement of subparagraph (B) has not been met by transferring experienced inspectors from other parts of the United States to the United States-Mexico border, undermining the level of inspection coverage and safety elsewhere in the United States;

(D) the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has implemented a policy to ensure compliance with hours-of-service rules under part 395 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, by Mexican motor carriers seeking authority to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border;

(E) there is adequate capacity at each United States-Mexico border crossing used by Mexican motor carrier commercial vehicles to conduct a sufficient number of meaningful vehicle safety inspections and to accommodate vehicles placed out-of-service as a result of said inspections.

For purposes of this section, the term "Mexican motor carrier" shall be defined as a Mexico-domiciled motor carrier operating beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

**SA 1188.** Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1246, to respond to the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:  
**SEC. 7. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS FOR ANIMAL FIGHTING.**

(a) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

"(d) ACTIVITIES NOT SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION.—This section does not apply to the

selling, buying, transporting, or delivery of animals in interstate or foreign commerce for any purpose or purposes, so long as those purposes do not include that of an animal fighting venture."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) takes effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on July 31, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building, to conduct a business meeting on pending committee business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on Indian Health Care Improvement Act focusing on urban Indian Health Care Programs.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider nominations for positions at the Department of Agriculture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 26, 2001, to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Ms. Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development; Ms. Melody H. Fennel, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; Ms. Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint; Mr. Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement; and Mr. Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001, to conduct the first in a series of hearings on predatory mortgage lending: the problem, impact, and responses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, at 9:45 a.m. to conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on legislative proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring legislation, including electricity provisions of S. 388 and S. 597, and electricity provisions contained in S. 1273 and S. 2098 of the 106th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in Open Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

The Committee will consider and vote on the following agenda items:

#### Legislation:

S. , Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal year 2002 and 2003.

S. 367. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

#### Nominations:

Mr. Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Mrs. Sue M. Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Mr. Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Mr. Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Mr. Charles A. Heimbald, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

Mr. Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.

The Honorable Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Mr. Roger F. Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Mr. Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Mr. Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.